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Introduction

We have previously reported on the incorporation of a circular boundary condition into the program POISSON for two-dimensional problems ("Incorporation of a Circular Boundary Condition into the Program POISSON", S. Caspi, M. Helm, and L.J. Laslett, LBID-887, SSC MAG Note-5, February 13, 1984). The least square method has now been generalized to accept any suitable set of orthogonal functions which can describe the vector potential function outside a circular boundary so located that no external sources are present. We have proceeded to incorporate the boundary condition into cartesian problems which involve no symmetry, and into axis-symmetry cylindrical problems that may have left-right symmetry, antisymmetry or no symmetry.

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Analysis

Consider the case where a circular arc of radius $r = R - H$ divides space into two regions (Fig. 1), an inner one which includes all current sources and magnetic iron, and an outer one which is in free space (hereafter referred to as the "universe"). Since the free space region is infinite we shall arbitrarily limit it by a secondary circular arc of radius $r = R$. Both circular arcs are an assembly of connecting mesh

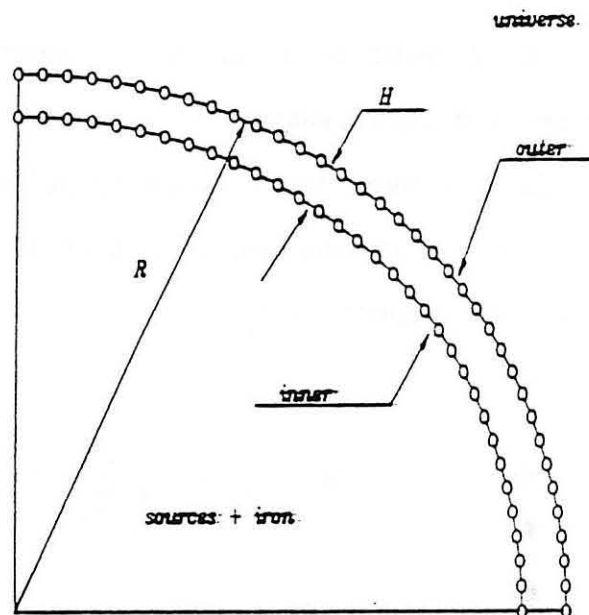


Fig. 1

points such as the one generated by the program LATTICE. If we know the vector potential for each mesh point on $r = R - H$ (e.g. calculated by POISSON), we would like to find the vector potential at each mesh point on $r = R$, so that such values may be employed as provisional boundary values in a subsequent relaxation pass through the entire mesh. This is expressed as:

$$A_k^{\text{outer}} = \sum_{n=1}^N E_{kn} A_n^{\text{inner}} \quad (1)$$

A is the vector potential and E is a working matrix, and the summation is over the entire mesh points of the inner arc.

In the free space region the vector potential can be expressed as a sum of harmonic terms, each employing powers of $1/r$.

$$A_i = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} r^{-\alpha_{\ell}} D_{\ell} F_{\ell}(\theta_i) \quad (2)$$

The vector potential A of mesh point i on the circular arc r is expressed in terms of a series of functions $F_{\ell}(\theta)$, their coefficients D_{ℓ} and the problem type symmetry α_{ℓ} .

Summing over the N boundary points on the radius r , the difference between the calculated vector potential values and the relaxed ones is minimized with respect to D_{ℓ} .

$$\text{Min:} \quad 1/2 \sum_{i=1}^N W_i \left(\sum_{\ell=1}^m r^{-\alpha_{\ell}} D_{\ell} F_{\ell}(\theta_i) - A_i \right)^2 \quad (3)$$

The number of harmonic terms has been reduced to m and the weight factors W_i have been introduced to take care of an uneven distribution of mesh points along the boundary.

Following the minimization process we arrive at:

$$\sum_{j=1}^m M_{ij} D_j r^{-\alpha_j} = V_i \quad (4)$$

where:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} M_{ij} &= \sum_{n=1}^N W_n F_i(\theta_n) F_j(\theta_n) \\ V_i &= \sum_{n=1}^N W_n F_i(\theta_n) A_n \end{aligned} \right\} i, j = 1, 2, 3 \dots m$$

Solving for D_j on the inner arc $r = R - H$ we get

$$D_j = \sum_{i=1}^m (R-H)^{\alpha_j} (M^{-1})_{ji} V_i^{\text{inner}} \quad (5)$$

Using Eq. (2) on the outer arc $r = R$ and substituting the expressions for D_j and V_i we arrive at

$$A_k^{\text{outer}} = \sum_{j=1}^m \left(\frac{R-H}{R} \right)^{\alpha_j} F_j(\theta_k) \sum_{i=1}^m (M^{-1})_{ji} \sum_{n=1}^N w_n F_i(\theta_n) A_n^{\text{inner}} \quad (6)$$

Employing the working matrix E_{kn} , relation (6) is rewritten as:

$$A_k^{\text{outer}} = \sum_{n=1}^N E_{kn} A_n^{\text{inner}} \quad (7)$$

where

$$E_{kn} = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m \left(\frac{R-H}{R} \right)^{\alpha_j} w_n (M^{-1})_{ji} F_j(\theta_k) F_i(\theta_n)$$

Two Dimensional Case with Plane-Polar Coordinates

The harmonic functions $F_\ell(\theta)$ are a combination of the trigonometric functions SIN and COS. It is, however, convenient to express them in the following way

$$F_\ell(\theta) = \cos\left(\alpha_\ell \theta - \beta_\ell \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

The explicit functions are listed in the table below.

ℓ	α	β_ℓ	$F_\ell(\theta)$	Function	
1	0	0	F_1	1	$\alpha_\ell = \frac{\ell}{2}$ integer division
2	1	1	F_2	$\sin \theta$	
3	1	0	F_3	$\cos \theta$	$\beta_\ell = \frac{\ell}{2} - \frac{\ell-1}{2}$ integer division
4	2	1	F_4	$\sin 2\theta$	
5	2	0	F_5	$\cos 2\theta$	
6	3	1	F_6	$\sin 3\theta$	
7	3	0	F_7	$\cos 3\theta$	
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	
$\ell-1$	$\alpha_{\ell-1}$	$\beta_{\ell-1}$	$F_{\ell-1}$	$\sin(\alpha_{\ell-1} \theta)$	
ℓ	α_ℓ	β_ℓ	F_ℓ	$\cos(\alpha_\ell \theta)$	

Examples

Regular dipole:

The terms used to describe the vector potential of a regular dipole are:

$$\ell = 3, 7, 11, \dots, 4k-1; k = 1, 2, 3, 4 \dots$$

$$\alpha_\ell = \frac{4k-1}{2} \text{ integer division} \rightarrow \alpha_k = 2k - 1$$

$$\beta_\ell = \frac{4k-1}{2} - \frac{4k-2}{2} \text{ integer division} \rightarrow \beta_k = 0$$

Regular quadrupole: $\ell = 5, 13, 21, \dots, 8k-3; k = 1, 2, 3, 4 \dots$

$$\alpha_\ell = \frac{8k-3}{2} \text{ integer division} \rightarrow \alpha_k = 4k - 2$$

$$\beta_\ell = \frac{8k-3}{2} - \frac{8k-4}{2} \text{ integer division} \rightarrow \beta_k = 0$$

Midplane symmetry: $\ell = 1, 3, 5, \dots, 2k-1$; $k = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$

$$\alpha_{\ell} = \frac{2k-1}{2} \text{ integer division} \rightarrow \alpha_k = k - 1$$

$$\beta_{\ell} = \frac{2k-1}{2} - \frac{2k-2}{2} \text{ integer division} \rightarrow \beta_k = 0$$

No-symmetry: $\ell = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, k$;

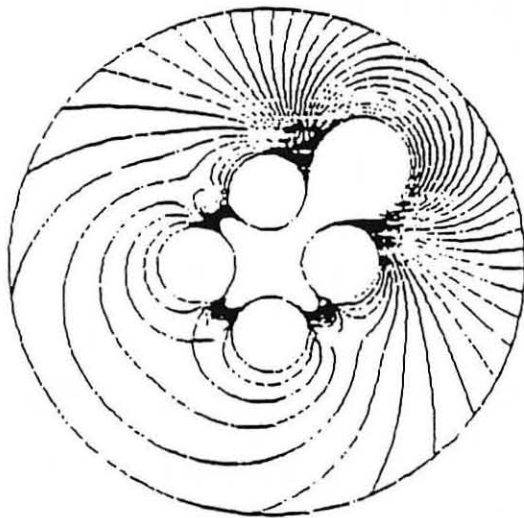
$$\alpha_{\ell} = \frac{k}{2} \text{ integer division} \rightarrow \alpha_k = k - 1$$

$$\beta_{\ell} = \frac{k}{2} - \frac{k-1}{2} \text{ integer division} \rightarrow \beta_k = \begin{cases} 0 & k = 1, 3, 5 \\ 1 & k = 2, 4, 6 \end{cases}$$

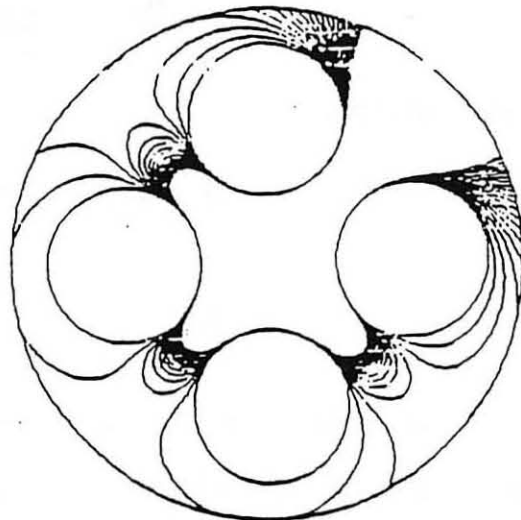
Ways of generating the α_k have been outlined in report LBID-847 ("The Vector Potential of Multiple Current Lines", S. Caspi, SSC-MAG-9, February 27, 1984) and are summarized in the table below.

Type	p	α	β	CON 126
regular dipole	1	$2k-1$	0	21
regular quadrupole	2	$4k-2$	0	42
regular sextupole	3	$6k-3$	0	63
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots		\vdots
etc.	p	$2pk-p$	0	$2p-10+p$
2 in 1 dipole	with current symmetry	$2k-0$	0	20
2 in 1 quadrupole				
\vdots				
etc.	with current antisymmetry	$2k-1$	0	21
2 in 1 dipole				
2 in 1 quadrupole				
\vdots				
etc.				
midplane		$k-1$	0	11 and CON 46 \neq 1
no symmetry		$k-1$	$\begin{cases} 0 & k = 1, 3, 5 \dots \\ 1 & k = 2, 4, 6 \dots \end{cases}$	$\begin{cases} \text{CON 126} = 11 \\ \text{CON 46} = 1 \end{cases}$

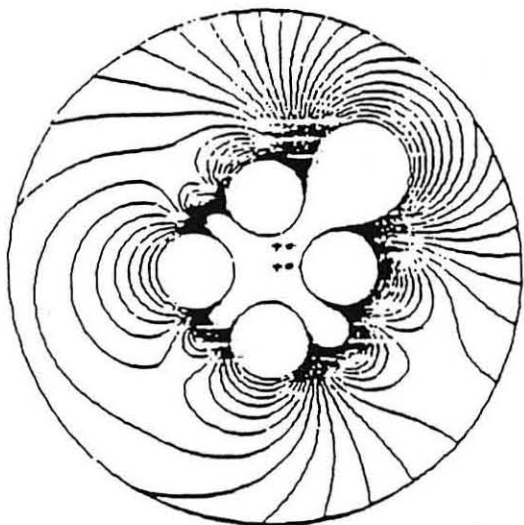
Figures 2, 3, and 4 are flux line plots which demonstrate the method introduced here for the use of boundary conditions. All cases are for Cartesian problems.



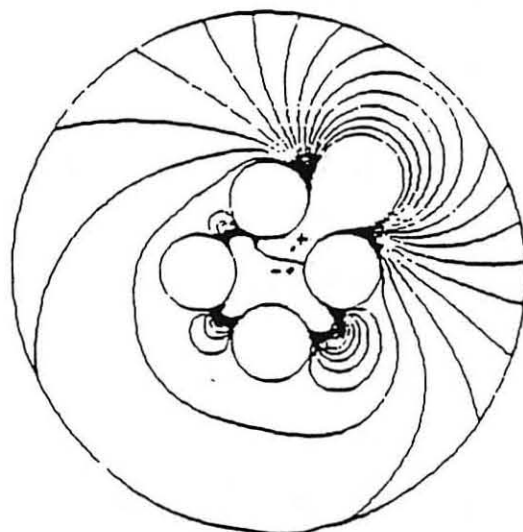
(a) Boundary at $R = 16.0$
Source at 45°



(b) Boundary at $R = 8.0$
Source at 45°

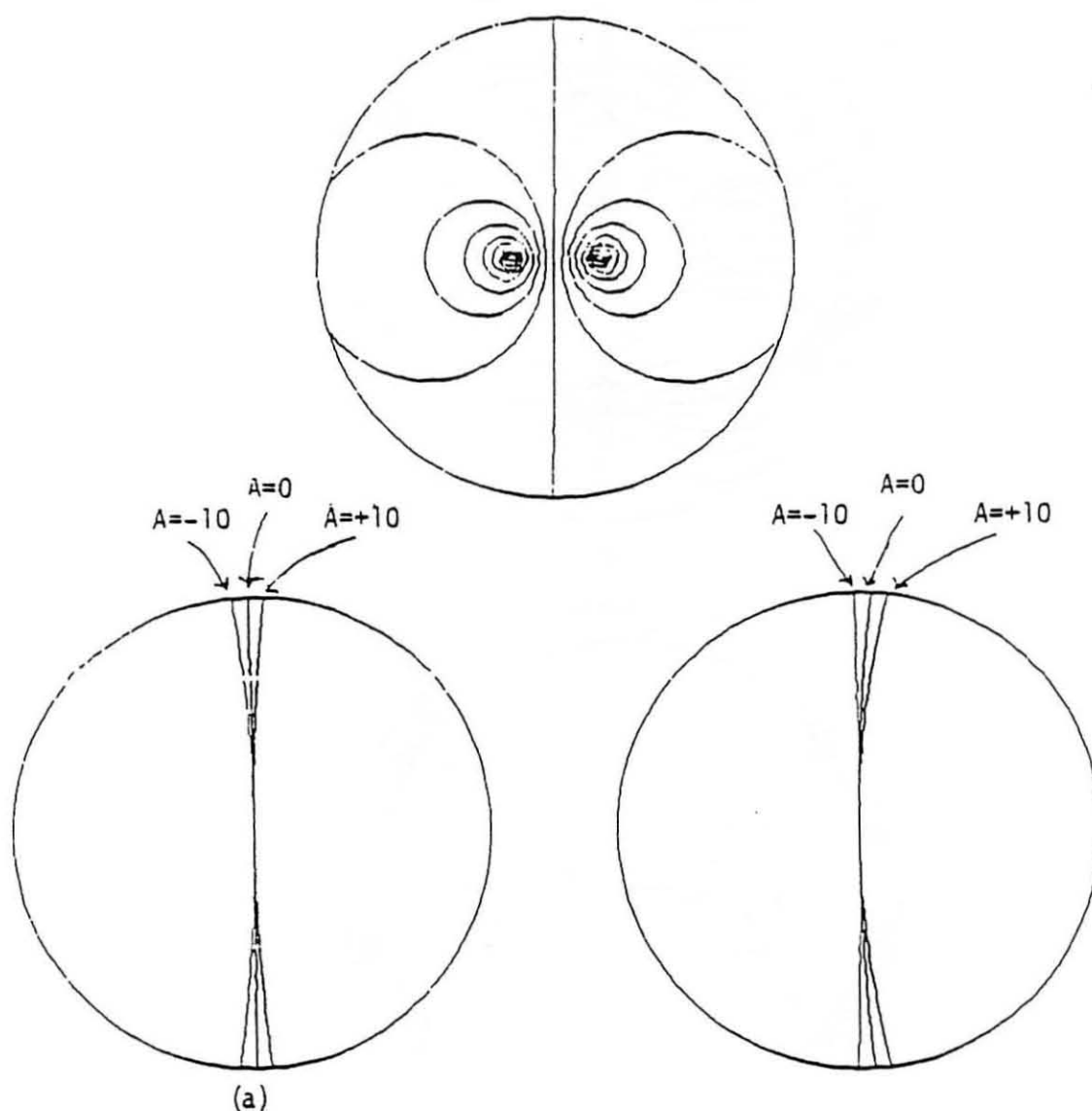


(c) No symmetry in current source.



(d) No symmetry in current flow.

Fig. 2 Flux lines are plotted for cases where the use of no-symmetry in the boundary condition has been applied.
(CON 46 = 1, $\alpha_k = 11$).



(a)

TABLE FOR FIELD COEFFICIENTS
NORMALIZATION RADIUS = 1.00000

N	(BX - 1 BY) * I + SUM N(BN)/R + (Z/R)**(N-1)	N(BN)/R	ABS(N(CN)/R)
0			
1	-4.6830E+00	9.2793E-04	4.6830E+00
2	-5.9262E-05	4.7859E-05	7.6174E-05
3	-6.3356E-04	-3.2554E-06	6.3356E-04
4	-8.6113E-07	-7.4481E-08	3.6934E-07
5	-5.9432E-08	-3.8043E-08	7.0565E-08
6	-3.3492E-09	-7.2698E-10	3.4272E-09
7	1.4852E-11	-1.1095E-10	1.1630E-10
8	-1.7298E-11	1.0708E-11	2.0344E-11
9	6.2309E-13	-9.6235E-13	1.1465E-12
10	-1.0336E-13	6.5293E-14	1.2226E-13
11	6.5280E-15	-6.0414E-15	8.8946E-15
12	-2.5267E-16	1.9464E-16	3.1894E-16
13	8.9085E-18	-2.0109E-17	2.1994E-17
14	-1.0537E-18	6.3403E-19	1.2298E-18

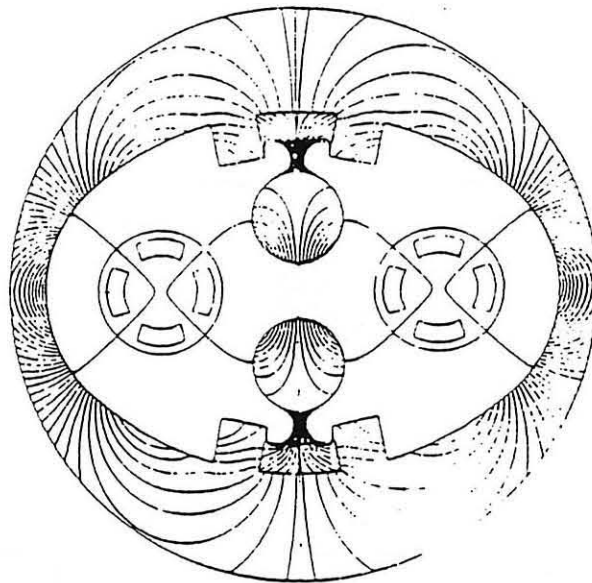
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TABLE FOR FIELD COEFFICIENTS
NORMALIZATION RADIUS = 1.00000

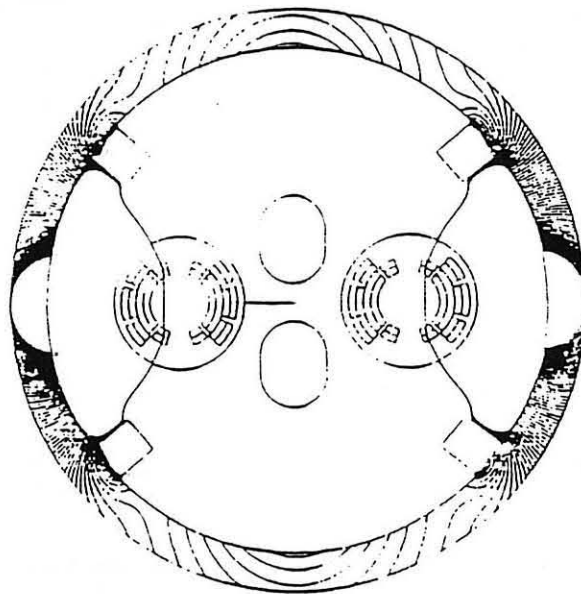
N	(BX - 1 BY) * I + SUM N(BN)/R + (Z/R)**(N-1)	N(BN)/R	ABS(N(CN)/R)
0			
1	-4.6831E+00	9.4283E-04	4.6831E+00
2	-5.9171E-05	4.8138E-05	7.6274E-05
3	-6.3358E-04	-3.2608E-06	6.3359E-04
4	-3.6231E-07	-7.4406E-08	3.6987E-07
5	-5.9432E-08	-3.8058E-08	7.0573E-08
6	-3.3511E-09	-7.3392E-10	3.4306E-09
7	3.4934E-11	-1.1089E-10	1.1627E-10
8	-1.7302E-11	1.0693E-11	2.0340E-11
9	6.2340E-13	-9.6120E-13	1.1458E-12
10	-1.0337E-13	6.5492E-14	1.2237E-13
11	6.5285E-15	-6.0352E-15	8.8907E-15
12	-2.5254E-16	1.9451E-16	3.1876E-16
13	8.9379E-18	-2.0098E-17	2.1995E-17
14	-1.0539E-18	6.3130E-19	1.2285E-18

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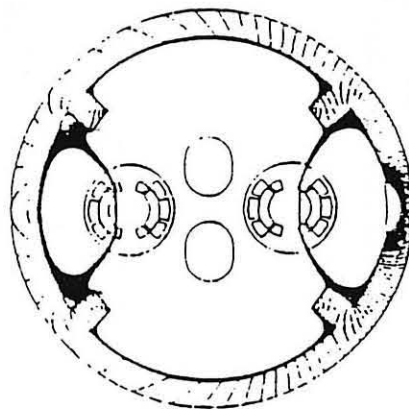
Fig. 3 Flux lines for a single current line dipole. The boundary conditions are such that all possible harmonics are allowed. The fine symmetry is preserved if the vector potential at (0,0) is set to 0 (case a). Both cases result in the same field harmonics.



a



b



c

Fig. 4 Flux lines leaking from the iron to the "universe" are plotted for (a) 2-in-1 quadrupole $\alpha_k = 2k - 1$; (b) SSC 2-in-1 dipole with even current loading, $\alpha_k = 2k - 0$; (c) SSC 2-in-1 dipole with uneven loading $\alpha_k = k - 1$. Case a and b were solved in a single quadrant, case c solved midplane.

Axis-Symmetry Problems with Polar Coordinates

Here we consider cases which obey symmetry with respect to revolution around the Z axis. The component A_ϕ of a vector potential $\vec{A} = A(r, \theta) \hat{e}_\phi$ in a spherical coordinate system may employ terms of the form

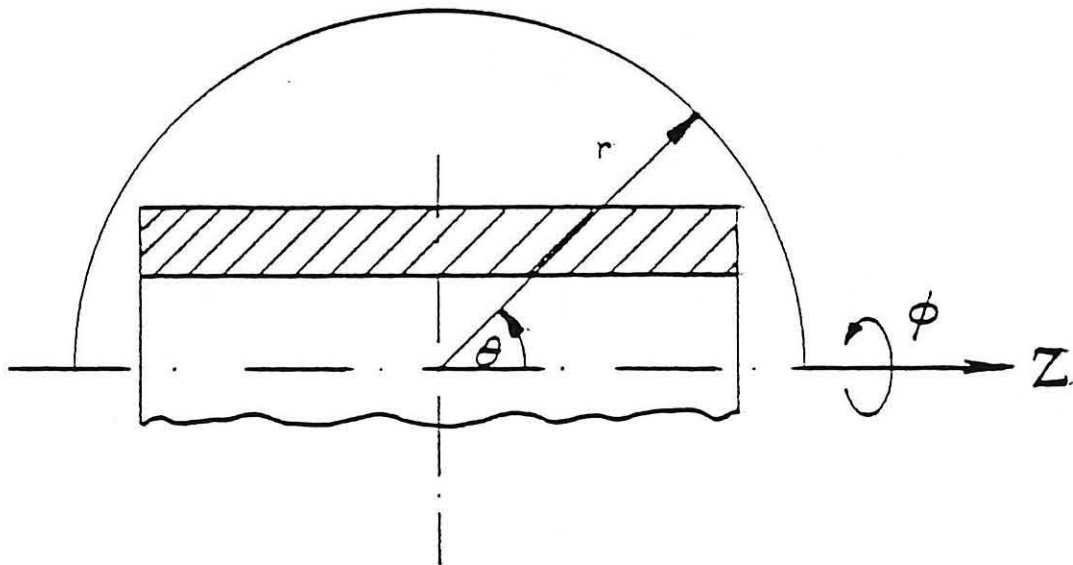
$$r^n P_n^1(u) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{r^{n+1}} P_n^1(u)$$

in addition, in principle, to terms of the form $\frac{a}{r} + b$.

$P_n^1(u)$ are the associated Legendre functions.

(See for example "Mathematical Methods for Physicists", G. Arfken, pp. 558-567).

Here $r = (\rho^2 + z^2)^{1/2}$, $\rho = r \sin \theta$, $z = r \cos \theta$, and $u = \cos \theta$ with θ denoting the angle from the pole (co-latitude).



In a region ($r > R$) devoid of external sources we may expect that A_ϕ can be represented exclusively in terms of the form

$$\frac{1}{r^{\ell+1}} P_\ell^1(\cos \theta) \quad [\ell = 1, 2, \dots]$$

We proceed to somewhat normalize the associated Legendre function. This can sometimes improve the inversion of M_{ij} and express the vector potential in the following form

$$A_{\phi}(r, \theta) = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} r^{-(\ell+1)} D_{\ell} \cdot \left(\frac{P_{\ell}^1(\cos \theta)}{\ell} \right) \quad (8)$$

We recognize the fact that our normalization factor ℓ is different from the conventional one $\frac{\ell(\ell+1)}{\ell + \frac{1}{2}}$.

In a cylindrical geometry the flux lines are represented by the product $\rho \cdot A_{\phi}$ where A_{ϕ} is the vector potential. The program POISSON is written in such a way that this product is the one which is being relaxed. We therefore proceed and redefine:

$$A_{\phi}^* = \rho \cdot A_{\phi} \quad ; \quad \rho = r \sin \theta$$

Equation 8 is now written as:

$$A_{\phi}^* = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} r^{-\ell} D_{\ell} \left(\frac{\sin \theta P_{\ell}^1(\cos \theta)}{\ell} \right) \quad (9)$$

We define:

$$F_{\ell} = \frac{\sin \theta P_{\alpha_{\ell}}^1(\cos \theta)}{\alpha_{\ell}} \quad ; \quad \alpha_{\ell} = \ell \quad -1 \leq \cos \theta \leq 1$$

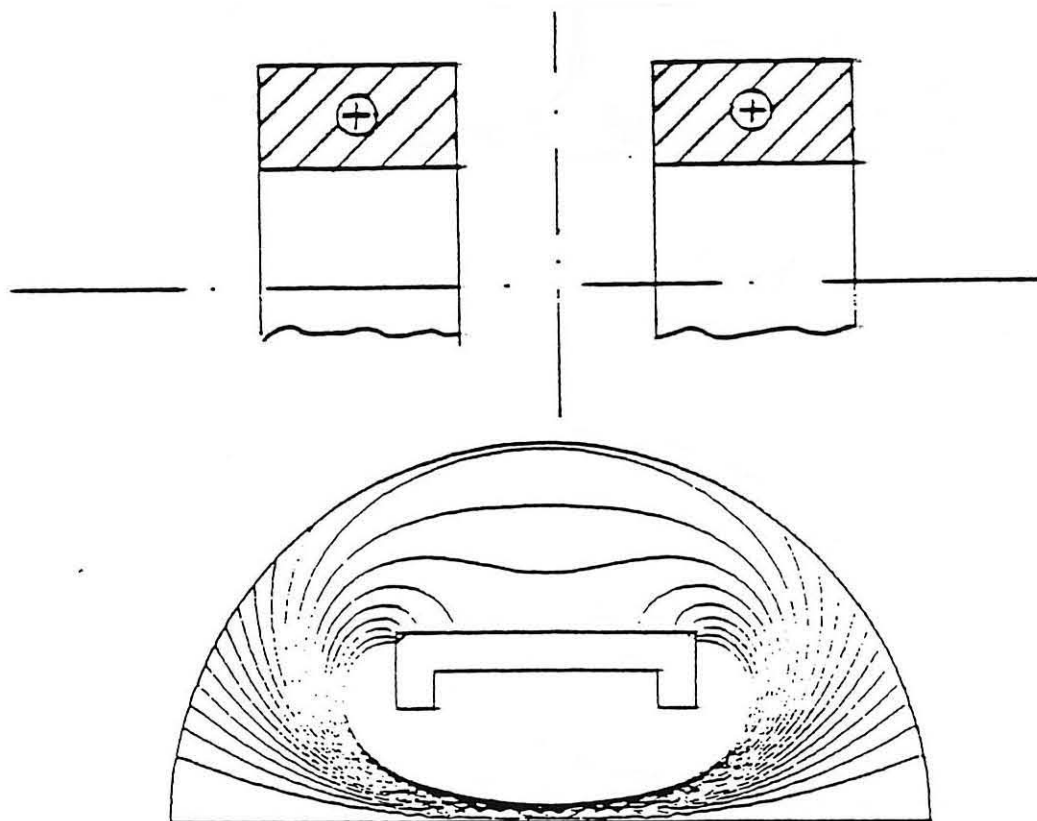
Such Legendre associated functions may serve to describe a magnetic vector-potential function in certain cases of cylindrical symmetry. We write down the explicit form of F_{ℓ} in the following table:

ℓ	α	F	Function
1	1	F_1	$\sin \theta P_1^1(\cos \theta)$
2	2	F_2	$\frac{\sin \theta}{2} P_2^1(\cos \theta)$
3	3	F_3	$\frac{\sin \theta}{3} P_3^1(\cos \theta)$
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots
ℓ	ℓ	F_ℓ	$\frac{\sin \theta}{\ell} P_\ell^1(\cos \theta)$

Symmetry with respect to equatorial plane: $\ell = 1, 3, 5 \dots 2k-1$; $k = 1, 2, 3 \dots$

We note that if A_ϕ is even about $\theta = \pi/2$ (current symmetry), only odd values of ℓ are required.

$$\alpha_\ell = \ell + 1 \rightarrow \alpha_k = 2k - 1 \quad k = 1, 2, 3 \dots$$

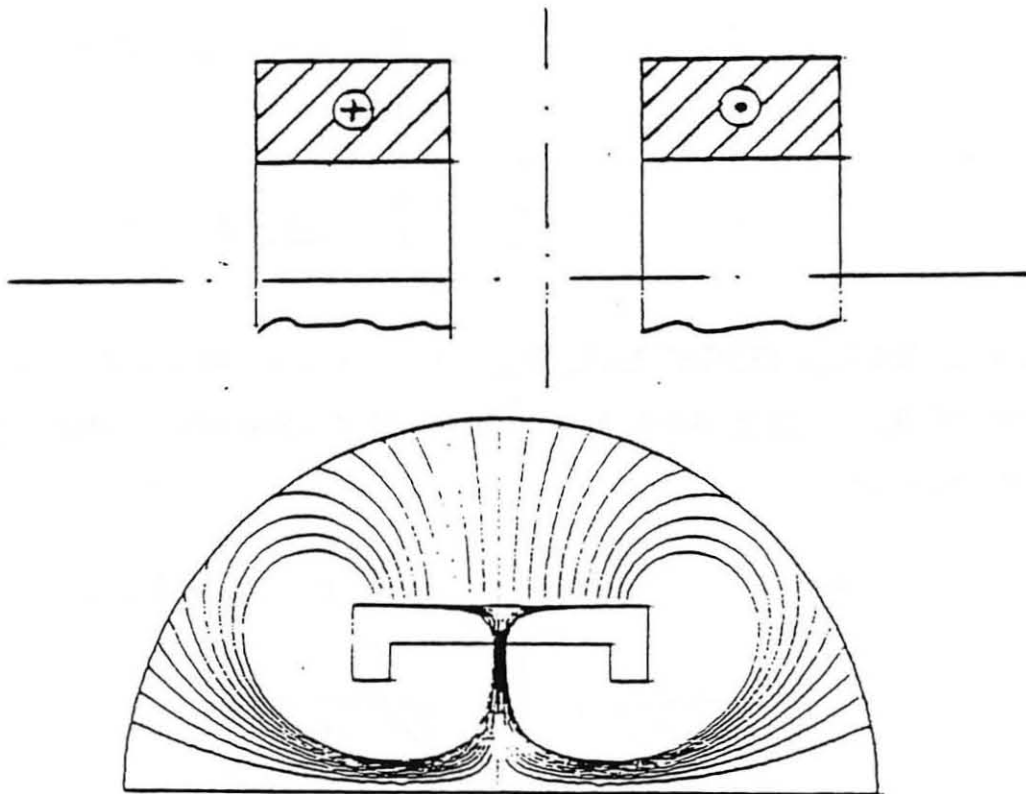


(a) $\alpha_k = 2k - 1$; $k = 1, 2, 3 \dots$

Antisymmetry with respect to equatorial plane: $l = 2, 4, 6 \dots 2k ; k = 1, 2, 3 \dots$

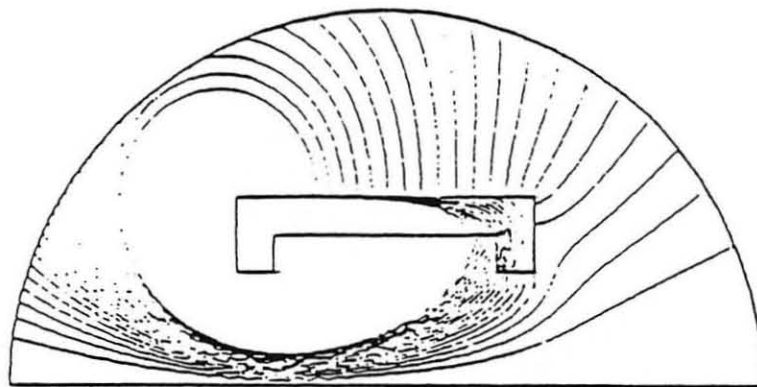
If A_ϕ is odd about $\theta = \pi/2$ (current antisymmetry), only even values of l are required.

$$\alpha_l = l \rightarrow \alpha_k = 2k$$



(b) $\alpha_k = 2k$

No symmetry: $l = 1, 2, \dots k \rightarrow \alpha_k = k$



(c) $\alpha_k = k$

We summarize the results for POISSON in the following table (CON 126 is one of the POISSON constants).

Type (CON 19=1)	a	CON 126	CON 46
Symmetry	2k-1	21	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 \text{ for 2 quadrants} \\ 2 \text{ for 1 quadrant} \\ \text{or midplane} \end{array} \right.$
Antisymmetry	2k	20	
No-Symmetry	k	10	

Recursion Relation

The computations of the Legendre functions are based on the recursion relation

$$(\ell-1)\ell \left[\frac{p_{\ell}^1(u)}{\ell} \right] = (2\ell-1)(\ell-1) u \left[\frac{p_{\ell-1}^1(u)}{\ell-1} \right] - \ell(\ell-2) \left[\frac{p_{\ell-2}^1(u)}{\ell-2} \right]$$

For those cases which require only odd or even terms we have a related recursion relation that relates Legendre functions whose degrees (subscripts) differ by two units (rather than by one unit, as above).

$$\frac{p_{\ell}^1(u)}{\ell} = \frac{\left[(2\ell-5)(2\ell-3)(2\ell-1)u^2 - (4\ell^3 - 18\ell^2 + 20\ell - 3) \right] (\ell-2) \left[\frac{p_{\ell-2}^1(u)}{\ell-2} \right] - (2\ell-1)(\ell-1)(\ell-2)(\ell-4) \left[\frac{p_{\ell-4}^1(u)}{\ell-4} \right]}{(2\ell-5)(\ell-1)(\ell-2)\ell}$$

We have prepared a subroutine SALFN (together with an attached program ASSOL, for testing this subroutine) intended to provide values of

$$F_{\ell} = \frac{p_{\ell}^1(u)}{\ell}$$

More on Symmetries

In the course of developing some general rules for the values of the harmonic terms a_k we realized that in some cases the leading term in the vector potential series decays radially with a high power. (Again, we are only concerned with the potential in the region outside all sources). These cases involve problems with a large number of poles and a geometry that obey internal symmetry. The program POISSON, written to accommodate the present type of boundary condition, assumes however that pseudo terms do exist prior to the leading term and should drop out as the problem continues to relax. Since this type of problem presently is of only academic interest, we have included such terms here without addressing them in the POISSON code itself.

We use the mathematical argument that the derivative of one multipole leads to the next higher multipole (e.g. in two dimensional space dipoles are second rank tensors).

Cartesian Coordinates

For this example we choose to expand the vector potential A_z in the x direction only (A_z is "symmetrical" in the sense that only COS terms are employed)

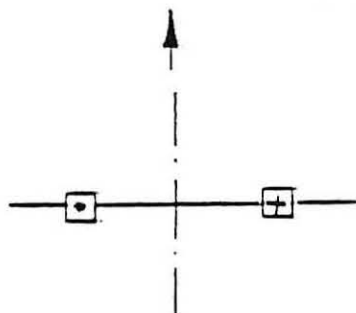
$$A_z = \frac{1}{r^{a_k}} \cos(a_k \theta)$$

$$\frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} = \left(\cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \sin \theta \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) A_z$$

$$\frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} = - \frac{a_k}{r^{a_k+1}} \cos[(a_k + 1)\theta]$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 A_z}{\partial x^2} = \frac{a_k(a_k+1)}{r^{a_k+2}} \cos[(a_k + 2)\theta] \quad \text{etc.} \quad \dots$$

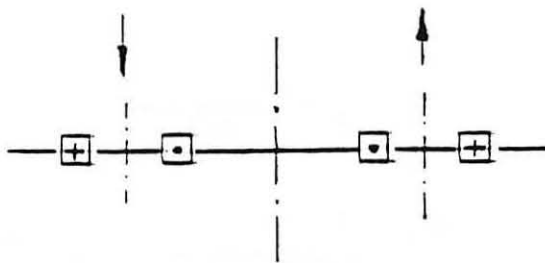
If we apply the rule to a single dipole $\alpha_k = 2k - 1$ we get



antisymmetry

$$\frac{1}{r^{2k-1}} \cos [(2k-1)\theta]$$

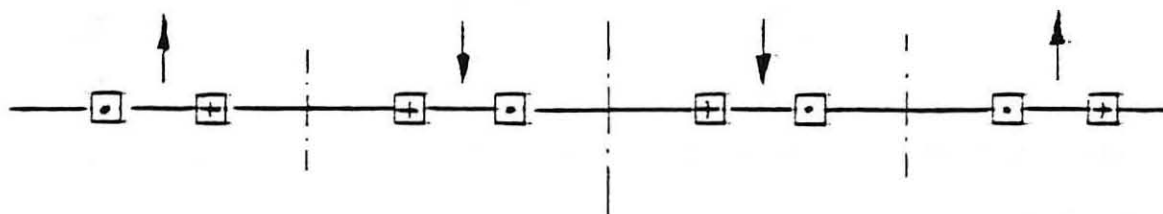
$$\frac{1}{r} \cos \theta, \dots$$



symmetry

$$\frac{1}{r^{2k}} \cos (2k\theta)$$

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \cos 2\theta, \dots$$



antisymmetry

$$\frac{1}{r^{2k+1}} \cos [(2k+1)\theta]$$

$$\frac{1}{r^3} \cos 3\theta, \dots$$

Finite-difference illustrations only

We note that the leading term in case (c) decays with the third power whereas the one in case (a) decays with the first one. However running case (c) on POISSON the first term would have been of the same order as in case (a) assuming, though, that as the problem continues to relax the coefficient for $(1/r)$ will continue to decline letting the term $(1/r^3)$ become dominant. The same process will be true running POISSON for cases with a larger number of poles where the leading term takes the form of $1/r^n$ with $n \gg 1$.

Polar Coordinates

We differentiate the vector potential A_ϕ with respect to axial symmetry axis.

$$A_\phi = \frac{1}{r^{a_k+1}} P_{a_k}^1(\cos \theta)$$

$$\frac{\partial A_\phi}{\partial z} = \left(\cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \sin \theta \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) A_\phi$$

$$\frac{\partial A_\phi}{\partial z} = - \frac{a_k}{r^{a_k+2}} P_{a_k+1}^1(\cos \theta)$$

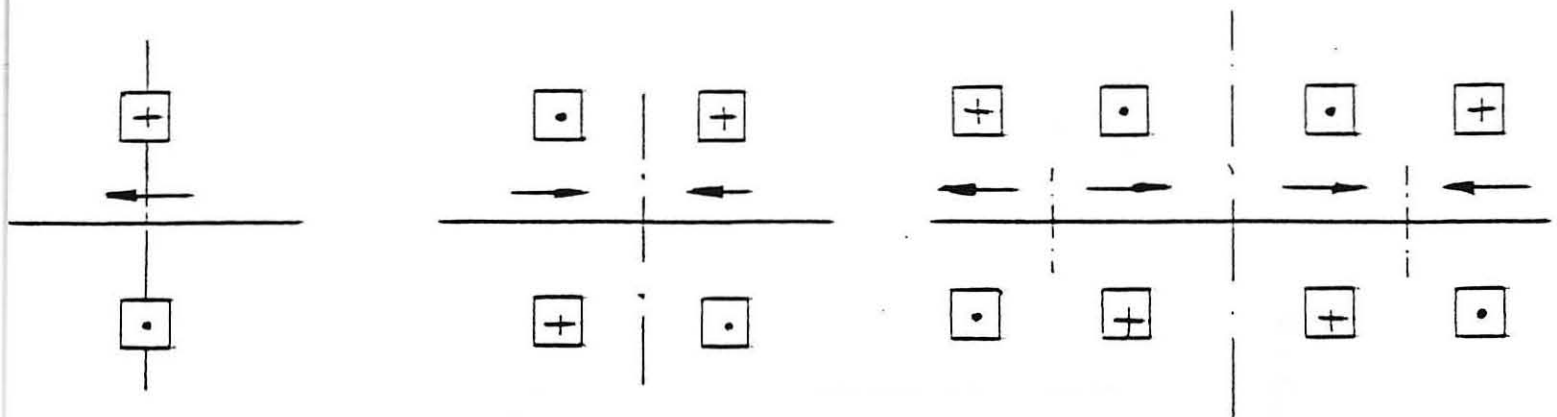
$$\frac{\partial^2 A_\phi}{\partial z^2} = \frac{a_k(a_k+1)}{r^{a_k+3}} P_{a_k+2}^1(\cos \theta) \quad \text{etc. ...}$$

Applying the rule to a solenoid with $a_k = 2k - 1$ we can similarly develop groups of them with high decay power in their leading terms.

To differentiate the associated Legendre polynomials we make use of Eq. (8.5.4) and (8.5.3) in the book of Abramowitz and Stegun (p. 334) to obtain

$$\frac{dP_n^1(x)}{dx} = \frac{(n+1)x P_n^1(x) - n P_{n+1}^1(x)}{1-x^2}$$

$$x = \cos \theta$$



symmetry

$$\frac{1}{r^{2k}} P_{2k-1}^1(u)$$

$$\frac{1}{r^2} P_1^1, \dots$$

antisymmetry

$$\frac{1}{r^{2k+1}} P_{2k}^1(u)$$

$$\frac{1}{r^3} P_2^1, \dots$$

symmetry

$$\frac{1}{r^{2k+2}} P_{2k+1}^1(u)$$

$$\frac{1}{r^4} P_3^1, \dots$$

Example

We have calculated the vector potential for a single current loop and compared the results with those from POISSON.

We express the vector potential of a single current loop placed at $z = 0$ and $\rho = a = 1$ as:

$$A_\phi = \frac{1}{10\rho} \sqrt{(a + \rho)^2 + z^2} \left[(1 + m_1) K - 2E \right]$$

$$m_1 = \frac{(a - \rho)^2 + z^2}{(a + \rho)^2 + z^2}$$

K , E are the elliptic integral of the first and second kind respectively.

For $I = 1A$ we have solved for the vector potential using POISSON and compared results for cases that use different boundary conditions. (Fig. 5).

The Vector Potential of a Single Loop

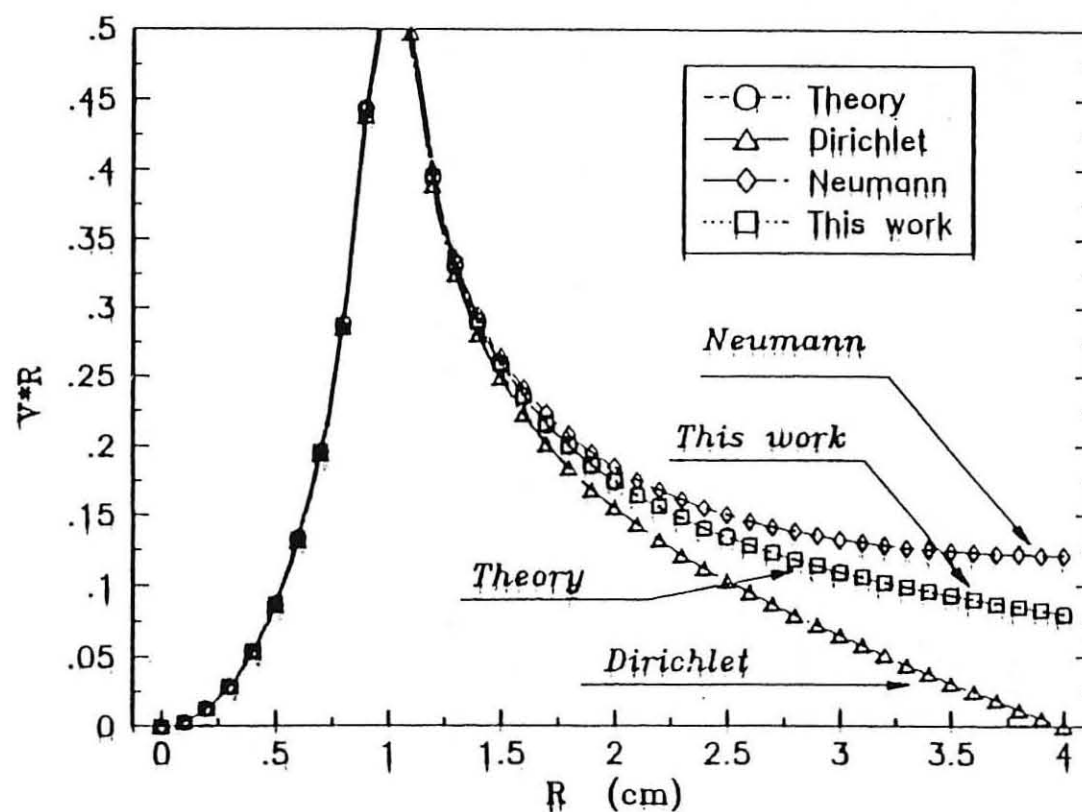


Fig. 5 The vector potential, along r at $z = 0$, of a single current loop carrying 1A subjected to various boundary conditions.